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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Wayne H. Rothschild
Joel R. Jaffe
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Examiner : Alex P. Rada
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by November 27, 2003. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to December 27, 2003. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.